

GOV. MSG. NO. 1107

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

April 9, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 9, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB604

RELATING TO SAKADA DAY ACT 007 (15)

Sincerely,

Governor, State of Hawaii

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Approved by the Governor APR 9 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAKADA DAY.

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:
1	SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that the Filipino
2	community has contributed significantly and substantially to the
3	history, economy, culture, and heritage of Hawaii. Since the
4	coming of the first Filipinos fifteen sakadas, or Filipino
5	plantation workers, who arrived in Honolulu aboard the $S.S.$
6	Doric more than one hundred years ago on December 20, 1906, to
7	work as contract laborers in the plantation industrysome one
8	hundred twenty thousand sakadas arrived in Hawaii between 1906
9	and 1934. These sakadas paved the way for the great legacy of
10	the Filipino community in Hawaii. Today, Filipinos and part-
11	Filipinos constitute the largest ethnic group in the State of
12	Hawaii.
13	The purpose of this Act is to recognize, acknowledge, and
14	understand the historical significance of the arrival of the

15 first sakadas in Hawaii. Furthermore, this Act:

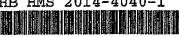
> (1) Celebrates the historical significance and strong relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines; and

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1	(2) Recognizes the great contributions of Filipinos to
2	Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society, as well as
3	the rich culture and proud heritage of the Filipino
4	people and their continuing positive influence on life
5	in Hawaii.
6	SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
7	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
8	read as follows:
9	"§8- Sakada Day. December 20 of each year shall be
10	known and designated as "Sakada Day"; provided that this day is
11	not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."
12	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 9 day of APR , 2015

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII